

Cambridge Human Rights Commission Thursday, January 9, 2014

Present: Commissioners Chanta Bhan, Bonita Cox, Kerry Gough, Harry Reyes, Sabrina Selk, and Randa Shedid; and City staff Nancy Schlacter and Mariah Freark.

Absent: Commissioners Brendan St. Amant, Mercedes Evans, Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes and Kim T. Nghiem.

Documents Used:

- December 2013 minutes
- CHRC Outreach Plan
- CET survey Powerpoint

1. Call to order

Chair Bonita Cox called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. No one was recording the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Wendy Joseph, Miguel Carrasco and Jim Tarr from the Highlands Coalition in Lynn introduced themselves and invited Commissioners to a panel on equal rights they are hosting in early February.

3. Review and approval of December minutes

Commissioner Gough motioned to approve the December minutes, as amended. Commissioner Selk seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved. (Commissioners Bhan, Cox, Gough, Reyes, Selk and Shedid).

4. Executive Director's Report

E.D. Schlacter updated the Commission on pending cases, outreach and staff activities.

5. Election of CHRC Chair for 2014

Commissioner Shedid nominated Commissioner Cox for another term as Chair. Chair Cox was unanimously re-elected (Commissioners Bhan, Cox, Gough, Reyes, Selk and Shedid).

6. December meeting follow up

a. Outreach brainstorm

Commissioners discussed forming a subcommittee to plan outreach activities and focus the Commission's efforts. They discussed various resources and strategies. Commissioners decided that a Google Doc with all outreach documents would be created so it can be accessed by everyone, and the Commission will continue to discuss outreach in upcoming meetings.

b. Chris Burke

Superintendent Burke was unable to attend the meeting.

c. Surveillance cameras – Brookline update

The end result was the Brookline kept the status quo of their surveillance cameras – they are turned on from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

7. New business

A discussion was had about what the guests from Lynn brought up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next Commission meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.